

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Locally Developed Courses - Additions

ORIGINATOR: T. Parker, Assistant Superintendent

RESOURCE

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RECOMMENDATION

That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the District, be renewed for the school years from 2011-2014.

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Course name
Arabic Language Arts K-6
American Sign Language K-12
Punjabi Language and Culture K-3
Accelerated English ESL Level 3 7-9
American Sign Language and Deaf Culture 4-12
ESL Introduction to Social Studies 7-9
ESL Introduction to Science 7-9
Explorations in Film 9
Learning to Lead 8-9
Practical Arts 7-8-9
American Sign Language and Deaf Culture 15-3Y / 25-3Y / 35-3Y
American Sign Language Arts 15-25-35
AP Biology 35 ^a
AP Chemistry 35 ^a (3 credits)
AP Math 35 ^b AB (3 credits)
Arabic Language and Culture 15-3Y / 25-3Y / 35-3Y
Aviation 25-35
Beginner Music - Choral 15
Beginner Music - Instrumental 15
Choir 15-25-35 ^d

Course name
Coaching 25 - Competition Introduction
Drawing (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35
ESL Intro to Canadian Studies 15-25 ^d
ESL Intro to Science 15 ^d
Forensic Science 25-3
Forensic Science 35-3
Introduction to Engineering 25
Learning Strategies 15-25-35 ^c (15, 25 - 3 & 5 credit, 35 – 5 credit)
Painting (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35
Pre-Engineering 15-25-35 ^d
Punjabi Language and Culture 15-3Y/25-3Y/35-3Y
Sculpting (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35 ^d
Speech and Debate 15
Sports Performance 15-25-35
Technical Math and Science 35-5 ^d

^a Acquired from St. Albert Protestant Schools

^b Acquired from Red Deer Catholic Schools

^c Acquired from Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District

^d Acquired from Calgary Board of Education (CBE)

Background: Locally developed courses and resources must be approved and renewed every three years by the developing board. In the case of high school courses, Alberta Education also renews courses on a three-year cycle.

Locally developed courses are permitted and governed by Alberta Education policies. All courses developed align to these policies including such guidelines as the following:

- courses are completed within the year they are started
- a certificated teacher is required for instruction
- unique hours of instruction are required for each course
- waiver of prerequisites provision can not apply to locally developed courses.

The courses are available in the Trustees' On-line Reading Room.

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